

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**[Declaration of Disaster #3152]****State of New York**

Queens County and the contiguous Counties of Bronx, Kings, Nassau, and New York in the State of New York constitute a disaster area as a result of damages caused by heavy rain and flooding that occurred on January 3, 1999. Applications for loans for physical damage as a result of this disaster may be filed until the close of business on March 19, 1999 and for economic injury until the close of business on October 15, 1999 at the address listed below or other locally announced locations: U.S. Small Business Administration, Disaster Area 1 Office, 360 Rainbow Boulevard South, 3rd Floor, Niagara Falls, NY 14303.

The interest rates are:

	Percent
For Physical Damage:	
Homeowners with credit available elsewhere	6.750
Homeowners without credit available elsewhere	3.375
Businesses with credit available elsewhere	8.000
Businesses and non-profit organizations without credit available elsewhere	4.000
Others (including non-profit organizations) with credit available elsewhere	7.000
For Economic Injury:	
Businesses and small agricultural cooperatives without credit available elsewhere ...	4.000

The numbers assigned to this disaster are 315206 for physical damage and 9A8200 for economic injury.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59002 and 59008)

Dated: January 15, 1999.

Mary Kristine Swedin,

Acting Administrator.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**Region X Advisory Council Meeting; Public Meeting**

The U.S. Small Business Administration Region X Advisory Council, located in the geographical area of Portland, OR, will hold a public meeting at 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. on Thursday, February 04, 1999, at the Atwater's Restaurant, Adams Room, 30th Floor, 111 SW Fifth Avenue, Portland, Oregon, to discuss such matters as may be presented by

members, staff of the U.S. Small Business Administration, or others present.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Write or call Mr. Phillip E. Gentry, District Director, U.S. Small Business Administration, 1515 SW Fifth Avenue, Suite 1050, Portland, Oregon 97201-5494, (503) 326-5210.

Dated: January 20, 1999.

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Director, External Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE**Bureau of Consular Affairs****[Public Notice 2969]****Certain Foreign Passports Validity**

In accordance with section 212(a)(7)(B) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(7)(B)), a nonimmigrant alien who makes an application for a visa or for admission into the United States is required to possess a passport that: (1) is valid for a minimum of six months beyond the date of the expiration of the initial period of the alien's admission into the United States or contemplated initial period of stay and, (2) authorizes the alien to return to the country from which he or she came, or to proceed to and enter some other country during such period. Because of the foregoing requirement, certain competent authorities have agreed that their passports will be recognized as valid for the return of the bearer for a period of six months beyond the expiration date specified in the passport, thereby effectively extending the validity period of the foreign passport an additional six months beyond its expiration date, see 22 CFR 41.104(b).

This public notice adds Russia to the list of competent authorities that have provided the necessary assurances to the Government of the United States. The updated list of competent authorities who have made the necessary assurances is shown below:

Table of Foreign Passports Recognized for Extended Validity

ALGERIA
ANTIGUA & BARBUDA
ARGENTINA
AUSTRALIA
AUSTRIA
BAHAMAS, THE
BANGLADESH
BARBADOS
BELGIUM
BRAZIL

CANADA
CHILE
COLOMBIA
COSTA RICA
COTE D'IVOIRE
CUBA
CYPRUS
CZECH REPUBLIC
DENMARK
DOMINICA
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
ECUADOR
EGYPT
EL SALVADOR
ETHIOPIA
FINLAND
FRANCE
GERMANY
GREECE
GRENADA
GUINEA
HONG KONG (Certificates of identity & passports)
HUNGARY
ICELAND
INDIA
IRELAND
ISRAEL
ITALY
JAMAICA
JAPAN
JORDAN
KOREA
KUWAIT
LAOS
LEBANON
LIECHTENSTEIN
LUXEMBOURG
MADAGASCAR
MALAYSIA
MALTA
MAURITIUS
MEXICO
MONACO
NETHERLANDS
NEW ZEALAND
NICARAGUA (Diplomatic & official only)
NIGERIA
NORWAY
OMAN
PAKISTAN
PANAMA
PARAGUAY
PERU
PHILIPPINES
POLAND
PORTUGAL
QATAR
RUSSIA
SENEGAL
SINGAPORE
SLOVAK REPUBLIC
SLOVENIA
SOUTH AFRICA
SPAIN
SRI LANKA
ST. KITTS & NEVIS
ST. LUCIA
ST. VINCENT & THE GRENADINES
SUDAN
SURINAME
SWEDEN
SWITZERLAND
SYRIA
TAIWAN
THAILAND